

# NEWCASTLE EMLYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960



To the Chairman and Members of the Newcastle Emlyn Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The health of the population remained at a satisfactory level throughout the year, and it is pleasing to record that no cases of Diphtheria or Poliomyelitis occurred. With regard to Diphtheria I should very much like to stress upon parents the need for the continued immunisation of all children and that they receive "boosting" doses at five yearly intervals. I would also advise all those eligible to have protection against Poliomyelitis. Vaccination against this disease became available during the year to all persons up to 40 years of age.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the work carried out by my staff and to thank the Members of the Council for the whole-hearted manner in which they have supported me during this my first year in office as Medical Officer of Health to the Newcastle Emlyn Urban District Authority.

I also wish to thank my colleagues and their staff for their support and help.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ELFYN T. JONES,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

### OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer—FRANCIS T. GEORGE.

Medical Officer of Health—Dr. ELFYN T. JONES, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Official Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health: Public Health Department, 3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen. Telephone Number: Carmarthen 6676/7/8.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector—W. J. GRIFFITHS.

Rating Officer—Mrs. P. M. DAVIES.

### SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Newcastle Emlyn Urban District Authority covers an area of 208 acres. The rateable value of the area is £12,180 the sum represented by a penny rate £49, and the number of inhabited houses 272. The mid-year home population as estimated by the Registrar-General for 1960 is 710.

Newcastle Emlyn is a market town situated in the Teifi Valley in West Carmarthenshire, serving the needs of a scattered agricultural community living in the adjacent countryside, which includes a part of South Cardiganshire and of North Pembrokeshire. A milk products factory, a shirt factory, an egg-grading station, an omnibus depot, and various shops and businesses provide employment for a number of the population. A branch railway line for goods traffic runs to the town and there is a secondary modern school and one primary school in the area. The town possesses excellent facilities for the marketing of animals, and marts are held regularly. In addition, it is a popular tourist and fisherman's resort and there is an influx of visitors during the holiday season. A fair proportion of the residents have come to live here in retirement.

## VITAL STATISTICS

**BIRTHS:** There was only one male live birth during the year, and this gives a crude birth-rate of 1.41 per 1,000 population.

**STILLBIRTHS:** There were no still-births.

**DEATHS:** Deaths during the year totalled 10 (3 Males; 7 Females), giving a crude death rate of 14.08 per 1,000 population.

The causes of death were:—

Respiratory Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	..	..	..	..	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	2
Coronary Disease, angina	..	..	..	..	1
Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	2
Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	..	..	..	1

Average age at death—74.1 years

## INFANT MORTALITY

There were no infant deaths during the year.

## PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

**Hospital, Laboratory and Ambulance facilities:** The district is served mainly by the West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen and Cardigan Hospital, with provision for cases of infectious diseases at the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Upper Tumble, Nr. Llanelly. Cases of mental disease receive treatment at St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen. The nearest treatment centre for venereal diseases is at Llanelly.

Bacteriological and Pathological investigations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Penlan Road, Carmarthen, and the Pathological Department, Glangwili respectively, and the resources of these laboratories are always available to medical practitioners.

Ambulance facilities, including facilities for the transport of sitting car cases, are under the control of the County Council.

**Home Nursing Services:** This service is undertaken by one District Nurse under arrangements made by the County Council with the Newcastle Emlyn District Nursing Association. She also undertakes the midwifery work.

**Infant Welfare Centres:** An Infant Welfare Clinic is held once every fortnight.

**Ante-Natal Clinics:** No Ante-Natal Clinic has been established in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year ten cases of Measles and one of Scarlet Fever were notified in the area.

With regard to Tuberculosis, one new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified and there was one death from the disease.

The state of the Tuberculosis Register at the commencement and end of the year was as follows:—

Date	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1st January 1960	3 males, and 1 female	2 females	6
31st December, 1960	1 male, and 1 female	1 female	3

A chest clinic is held in the town twice monthly, when the Chest Physician sees patients referred to him by local medical practitioners.

**Immunisation and Vaccination:** The following statistics have been received from the County Medical Officer of Health relative to Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation and Poliomyelitis vaccination:—

Twenty-nine children under 5 years of age were immunised in the Urban District during the year (7 against Diphtheria and 22 against Whooping Cough).

The following figures relating to poliomyelitis vaccination are for the County as a whole:—

	No. who received two injections during 1960.	No. who received one injection during 1960.
Children under 15 years of age	.. 1932	35
Persons 15 to 25 years of age	.. 829	25
Persons 25 to 40 years of age	.. 938	—
Expectant Mothers .. ..	.. 297	—
Others .. .. .	.. 9	—

Number who received the third injection during the year .. 6,505

The total number of persons who have received three injections since the extension of the vaccination programme to include three injections, 21,940.

Additional protective measures against infectious diseases, made available by the County Council, as Local Health Authority, include Smallpox and B.C.G. vaccination.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

The town is provided with a satisfactory supply of wholesome water from the Cwm and Penbuarth reservoir. However, means of augmenting the present supply will have to be considered if any further building development takes place within the area. No new work has been undertaken during the year.

Samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Penlan Road, Carmarthen, with the following results:—

Date of sampling	Result
12th April	Satisfactory
25th April	Satisfactory
16th May	Doubtful
16th June	Satisfactory

### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewerage system operated satisfactorily, and minor repairs were carried out where necessary. Parts of the town however are still without a water carriage system. During the year a joint scheme with the Teifyside Rural District Council was drawn up but no date has been fixed for its implementation. It is to be hoped that this scheme will be put into operation without any undue delay.

### SCAVENGING AND RODENT CONTROL

There is a once weekly collection of refuse in the town, and this is carried out by direct labour.

No rodent operator is employed, but cases of rat infestation are dealt with by the council's workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

**Administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959:** Duties of the Sanitary Authority under the Factories Acts have been carried out by the Public Health Inspector as part of his routine work, and a close liaison has been maintained with the District Inspector of Factories.

### PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	7	7	—	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
Total ..	7	7	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found: Nil.

### PART VIII OF THE ACT.

#### OUTWORK

(Section 110 and 111)

The return required under Part VIII of the Act is: Nil.